

# NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN GEORGIA

WHEREAS: National Preparedness Month creates an opportunity for every Georgian to learn more about ways to prepare for all types of emergencies, from public health treats to potential terrorist attacks to natural disasters; and

WHEREAS: Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every Georgian. All Georgians can take a few simple steps – creating a disaster supply kit, making a family disaster plan and staying informed – to help make citizen preparedness and personal responsibility a priority in every community; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency – Office of Homeland Security and officials in the federal, state, local and private sectors are working to prevent and respond to all types of emergencies. These activities, along with a vigilant public, contribute to a level of state and national preparedness that is critical to securing our state and the homeland; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Emergency Management Agency – Office of Homeland Security has initiated an ambitious and proactive Ready Georgia Campaign to help Georgians become better prepared; and

WHEREAS: As we observe National Preparedness Month, the state of Georgia urges adults and children to participate in citizens preparedness activities and to review the Ready web sites at [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov) and [www.listo.gov](http://www.listo.gov) (en Español) and to visit [www.georgia911.org](http://www.georgia911.org) in the event of an emergency; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2009 as NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN GEORGIA and recognize the importance of preparing for all potential emergencies.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.